



## Stipendiary Lecturership in Early Modern History

### Christ Church and Jesus College

<b>Job title</b>	Stipendiary Lecturership in Early Modern History
<b>Location</b>	Christ Church and Jesus College
<b>Salary</b>	£22,091-£24,411 (current rates) per annum, according to qualifications and experience
<b>Hours</b>	To provide eight hours of undergraduate teaching per week, averaged over three eight-week terms per year (commencing 1 October 2025). Of the eight weighted hours, four will be due to Christ Church and four due to Jesus College.
<b>Contract type</b>	Fixed – term for two years 1 October 2025 – 30 September 2027
<b>Responsible to</b>	Senior Censor Christ Church
<b>Application deadline</b>	<b>Noon 24 March 2025</b>
<b>Vacancy reference</b>	HT25_025

#### Overview

Christ Church and Jesus College invites applications for a fixed-term Stipendiary Lecturership in Early Modern History. This is a part-time temporary, fixed-term position to fulfil a current teaching need arising from Professor Mortimer (Christ Church) and Dr Gajda's (Jesus College) teaching buyouts for the period 1 October 2025 – 30 September 2027 therefore, the appointment carries with it no expectation of permanent employment at either Christ Church or Jesus College.

#### Christ Church

Christ Church, one of the largest colleges of Oxford University, is strongly committed to teaching and research. The College has around 420 undergraduates and 230 graduates, and around 200 senior members. Our academics teach their students in tutorials, a system which enables undergraduates to work with experienced tutors in small groups. The subjects offered at Christ Church cover the whole spectrum, including Arts, Social Sciences, Medical Sciences and Physical Sciences. Christ Church tutors strongly believe in the joint pursuit of teaching and research. For more information please visit: <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/>.

Christ Church provides all our staff with a welcoming and inclusive workplace that enables everyone to develop and to do their best work. Join us and you will find a friendly, vibrant, democratic, and international community, with a great range of staff benefits.

#### History at Christ Church

Christ Church currently admits ca. 12 students per year to read History. The person appointed will share in the teaching of History in Christ Church with Brian Young, Sarah Mortimer, Elina Screen, Lucian George, and other College lecturers as appropriate.



## Jesus College

With Professor Sir Nigel Shadbolt FEng FRS, as its Principal, Jesus College comprises over 100 Fellows, 50 lecturers, 330 postgraduates and just under 400 undergraduates, and 90 support staff. The College is proud of its community of early-career scholars and seeks to promote career-development wherever possible. The College has a strong commitment to academic values and success and is characterised by an informal and friendly atmosphere. It is located on an attractive historic site in the centre of Oxford, with excellent access to the Bodleian Library and other university libraries, the Science Area, and the University's department and faculty buildings. Further information about the College is available on the College website [www.jesus.ox.ac.uk](http://www.jesus.ox.ac.uk)

## History at Jesus College

Jesus College normally admits ca. 10 students per year to read History and Joint Schools. The person appointed will share in the teaching of History at Jesus with Alexandra Gajda (early-modern) and Matthew Kerry (Modern). Medieval teaching is provided by a fellow at Worcester College.

## Duties of the post

The successful candidate will:

- Deliver **eight** hours of tutorial teaching per week, averaged over the three eight-week terms of each academic year. The College operates a 'weighted hours' scheme, under which a one-to-one tutorial counts as one stint hour, a double tutorial as 1.25 hours; a triple as 1.5 hours. Tutorials consist of an hour of academic discussion between tutor and students, and tutors are expected to mark written work as part of each tutorial.
- Applicants should be able to teach tutorials for the following papers in Early Modern History: History of the British Isles IV: Reformations and Revolutions, 1500-1700 for Prelims and for Finals; European and World History III: 1400-1650 (Renaissance, Recovery, and Reform), for Prelims: Early Modern Europe (1500-1700) for Finals.

They will also be expected to share in the teaching of Disciplines of History for second and third year students.

Further details of current courses can be found at <https://www.history.ox.ac.uk/history-courses>.

Prospective applicants who are unfamiliar with the Oxford system may find helpful the discussion of what an Oxford tutorial entails in the following video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLiKh4QY58>.

In addition to teaching duties, the Lecturer will be expected to:

- Coordinate, set and mark College term exams (Collections), monitor student progress, and write termly reports on students.
- Participate in the undergraduate admissions exercise, including reading of UCAS forms, marking of written work, and conducting interviews for Jesus College only.
- Assist with general oversight of the welfare (both academic and pastoral) of Christ Church and Jesus College undergraduates reading History.



- Assist with the general administration of the teaching of History at Christ Church and Jesus College.

### **Selection Criteria**

The selection criteria are as follows:

- A completed doctorate, or evidence that one will be substantially complete before the start date, in Early Modern History. Candidates with specialisation in any region of Britain or continental Europe in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century, including those who approach Europe through a global or transnational lens, are encouraged to apply.
- Evidence of the skills for successful tutorial teaching, including the ability to explain problems and ideas lucidly, listen to students' questions and views sympathetically, and enthuse and inspire them.
- Achievement or potential (commensurate with stage of career) in a research specialism which will enable the provision of research-informed teaching.
- Evidence of interpersonal and organisational skills and an ability and willingness to fulfil the administrative and pastoral functions outlined in these Further Particulars.
- Willingness to participate in access initiatives with a view to encouraging applications from a wide range of educational backgrounds.
- Commitment to promoting awareness and understanding of equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) and embedding these principles among students.

Since this vacancy is for a teaching post, candidates must be available to start at the specified start date.

The appointment will be subject to provision of proof of the right to work in the UK.

### **Salary and Benefits**

- Salary on the scale of £22,091 - £24,411 (current rates) per annum, according to qualifications and experience. New appointments are usually made at the first point of the scale.
- Use of a shared teaching room in both Colleges.
- At Christ Church - three free lunches and dinners per week from 0<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> weeks of each term of the appointment. At Jesus - four lunches and three dinners free of charge weeks 0-9.
- Eligible staff may join or remain a member of the Universities Superannuation Scheme. Details are available on the website at [Universities Superannuation Scheme \(USS\) | Finance Division](#)
- Employee Assistance Programme alongside access to dedicated support both within the college and wider University for your personal and career development.

There is no entitlement to sabbatical leave.

### **Pre-employment screening**

Standard checks: If you are offered the post, the offer will be subject to standard pre-employment checks. You will be asked to provide proof of your right to work in the UK; proof of your identity; and (if we haven't done so already) we will contact the referees you have nominated. You will also be asked to complete a health declaration so that you can

tell us about any health conditions or disabilities for which you may need us to make appropriate adjustments. For some posts, such as those involving 'regulated activities' with children and other vulnerable groups in the course of normal duties, a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will also be required.

### **How to Apply**

Please apply using the online application form available at: [https://fas.chch.ox.ac.uk/fas\\_live/chchslemh/](https://fas.chch.ox.ac.uk/fas_live/chchslemh/) no later than the deadline of **Noon on 24 March 2025**. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

Application documents should include:

- Covering letter or statement explaining how you meet the criteria set out above using examples of your skills and experience - this may include experience gained in education or employment - and outlining your reasons for applying for this post at Oxford.
- Academic CV, including teaching experience.
- Names and contact details of at least two referees - references will be requested for shortlisted candidates only.

Christ Church currently operates an EJRA of 30th September immediately preceding the 70th birthday for all academic staff.

Applications will be judged only against the criteria which are set in the job description, and applicants should ensure that their applications show clearly how their skills and experience meet these criteria.

Christ Church and Jesus College are committed to fairness, consistency and transparency in selection decisions. Members of selection committees will be aware of the principles of equality of opportunity, fair selection and the risks of bias. Applications are particularly welcome from women, and black and minority ethnic candidates, who are under-represented in academic posts in Oxford.

If, for any reason, you have taken a career break or have had an atypical career and wish to disclose this in your application, the selection committee will take this into account.

Christ Church welcomes applications from candidates who have a disability or long-term health condition and is committed to providing long term support. Please let us know if you need any adjustments to the recruitment process, including the provision of these documents in large print, audio or other formats. If we invite you for an interview, we will ask whether you require any particular arrangements at the interview.

### Interviews

Interviews for the position are expected to take place in person on **29 April 2025**.

### **If you need help**

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact [academic.recruitment@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:academic.recruitment@chch.ox.ac.uk). All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence and will not form part of the selection decision.



Please note that you will receive an automated email from our e-recruitment system to confirm receipt of your application. **Please check your spam/junk mail** if you do not receive this email.

### **Important information for candidates**

#### Data Privacy

Please note that any personal data submitted to Christ Church as part of the job application process will be used only for the purposes of determining suitability for the post and processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and related UK data protection legislation. For further information, please see the Christ Church Privacy Notice available at: <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/privacy-policy>.

Due to the large volume of recruitment that Christ Church and Jesus College administers we are unable to provide feedback to non-shortlisted applicants.

#### Equality of opportunity

Christ Church and Jesus College are committed to equality of opportunity. It is the policy and practice that entry into employment and progression within employment will be determined only by criteria which are related to the duties of a particular post and the relevant salary scale. No applicant or member of staff will be treated less favourably than another because of their age, disability, ethnicity, marital or civil partnership status, parental status, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

### **Offer of employment**

Applications for this post will be considered by a selection committee. The selection committee is responsible for conducting all aspects of the recruitment and selection process; it does not, however, have the authority to make the final decision as to who should be appointed. The final decision will be made by the Governing Body of both Christ Church and Jesus College based on a recommendation made by the selection committee. No offer of appointment will be valid, therefore, until and unless the recommendation has been approved by both Governing Bodies, and a formal contractual offer has been made.